

Kentucky Commission on Women
Gateway Area Development District Regional Meeting
Rowan Technical College, Morehead, KY
Hosted by Gateway UK Cooperative Extension Homemakers
November 11, 2004

Meeting Chair: Representative Carolyn Belcher

Guest Speakers: Ms. Glenda R. Woods, Executive Director, KCW
Ms. Ashley D. Bratcher, Project Manager, KCW

Total Number of Participants: 30

EDUCATION

Co-chairs: Deborah Murray and Jean Smith

Priorities:

1. Expand the Committee:
Potential Members: Janet Kenney – MSU at Mt. Sterling
Phyllis Lawson – School Board Member Menifee County
Kay Freeland- Rowan County School Superintendent
Katrina Bradley- Chief District Engineer
County President or representative of Extension Homemakers
Non-traditional students
Others- group make recommendations to make sure we have representation that reflects our communities.
2. Committee members conduct focus group meetings in their communities, organizations, families, or other places where women gather... eg. Abuse Centers such as Doves, career centers, work places, etc.
3. Assign sections of the report to focus groups. Committee draft guidelines and reporting form for the focus groups to get valid data.
4. Committee members submit focus group reports to the Co-chairs to compile for the Gateway Committee and Kentucky Commission on Women.
5. Share results with all area agencies providing services to women in the Gateway region.
6. Initial education committee meeting will be a brown bag lunch to be held on January 12 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Extension Office in Mt. Sterling with some members joining via conference calling.
7. Set up listserv for sharing information among committee members.

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EQUITY

Co-Chair	Geraldine Peters
Co-chair	Sue McClurg
Guest	Glenda Woods, KCW Executive Director
Guest	Ashley Bratcher, KCW Project Manager
Members	Imogene Updike
	Donna Overbee

Committee members reviewed recommendations from the 2003 Summit on the Economic Statues of Kentucky's Women.

Immediate priorities selected for committee work include:

EQ-A,3 – Research the disproportionate financial impact on women in Kentucky's failure to recognize, instate laws affecting married couples and families, common law marriages and domestic partnerships. *Committee acknowledged the factor that Kentucky does not recognize common law marriages.

EQ-B,2 – Strengthen laws to clarify the right to pay equity and to ease the burden of filing claims. Goal of equal pay for equal work by 2010.

Committee members were given the assignment of developing ideas and identifying resources for addressing the priorities.

The next meeting of the Equity Committee has been set for January 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Blair Building in Morehead.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Overbee.

ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Co-Chair – Shirley Hamilton

Co-Chair – Peggy Powell

ISSUES ADDRESSED/PRIORITIES:

- ❑ Job training awareness and access or ES-A.1 and 2
- ❑ Early stage entrepreneurs or ES-B.5
- ❑ Conduct financial education workshop on investments, medical cards, social security, retirement, etc. ES-E.3g and ED-A.IF
- ❑ Added a forth issue related to farm women and the tobacco buyout.

The next meeting has been scheduled for December 7th, location to be determined.

Submitted by: Peggy Powell

LEADERSHIP

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Co-Chair – Ann Laurence

Co-Chair – Louise Summers (Absent due to other conflicts)

Anna Pecco

Kim Hunt Price

Imogene Updike

Jenny Adkins

ISSUES ADDRESSED:

- ❑ School based leadership training for boys and girls, also at the university level
- ❑ Voter registration (kids voting)
- ❑ Develop surveys – why people don't vote, etc.
- ❑ Feel there is a gap in female representation in all levels, including state legislation
- ❑ Women not realizing their value and the impact they have on their communities – have a program established, possible partnership with Morehead State University and school systems.
- ❑ Female students – increase voter registration

The next meeting has not been determined, possibly will be held in Mt. Sterling.

Submitted by: Ann Laurence

HEALTH AND WELL- BEING**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Sandra Ellington
Lisa Pendleton
Carolyn Franzini
Pam Eklund
Karen Mynhier

Goals:

1. Promote existing health and nutrition services
2. Promote child support payments as a positive initiative

Next meeting: January 11, 2005 5 PM at the Fuzzy Duck in Morehead.